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Special Notices of . . .

State Camp Meetings

The Idaho Camp Meeting will convene June 7-13 at the Baptist Youth Camp in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Reverend James Stephens and Darrell Lindsey will be the speakers.

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The Illinois Camp Meeting will convene at Benton, June 14-20. Reverends Luther Turner, Jr., and H. D. Williams will be the speakers.

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The Iowa Camp Meeting will convene June 15-20, at Ottumwa, Iowa. Reverend C. R. Spain will be the speaker.

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The Kentucky Camp Meeting will convene June 14-20 at Lexington.

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The Louisiana Camp Meeting will convene June 15-19 at Covington. Reverend Vep Ellis will be the speaker.

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The Montana-Wyoming Camp Meeting will be held in Livingston, Montana, June 14-20. Reverend J. Frank Spivey will be the speaker.

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The Nebraska Camp Meeting will convene in Rulo, June 14-18. Reverend T. A. Perkins will be the speaker.

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The Ohio Camp Meeting will convene at the Methodist Campground in Lancaster June 14-19. Earl P. Paulk, Sr., will be the speaker.

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The South Alabama Camp Meeting will convene June 14-20 at Crichton, Alabama. Reverend J. E. DeVore will be the speaker.

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The Wisconsin-Minnesota Camp Meeting will convene June 18 through June 20 at Wausau, Wisconsin. Reverend Charles W. Conn will be the guest speaker. The Youth Camp will be June 14-19.

Anyone having relatives or friends stationed at Fort Campbell, or living in or around Clarksville, Tennessee, please send their names and addresses to Rev. L. C. Greene, 16 D Summit Heights, Clarksville, Tennessee. We have opened a new work on highway 41A in New Providence, Tennessee.

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I shall be glad to answer all who wish to write me, especially those who are sick and shut in. I will sincerely take all your prayer requests to God in prayer. He is a prayer-answering God.—Mrs. Myrtis Herrin, Route 2, Box 1271, Largo, Florida.

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My new address is Plasterco, Va. I have moved from Cantwell, Mo., to accept the church here. My phone number is Saltville, Va., 3448. I desire the prayers of all.—S. B. McCane.

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David Suleiman is available for week-end revivals. He has slides on Palestine and a shepherd's robe and crown of thorns for display. Contact him at P.O. Box 1124, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Phone, 5-4009.

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All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend the home-coming services at the Church of God in Iron City, Georgia, Sunday, May 30. This will be an all-day service.—James J. Williams, Route 1, Box 244, Boston, Georgia.

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I shall be glad to receive and pray especially for anyone who cares to send me a special request for prayer.—Anna Boyer, 114 East Pennsylvania Drive, Tucson, Arizona.

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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper; and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Conditional Eternal Security

—Versus—

Unconditional Security

By D. C. BOATWRIGHT, Overseer of Georgia

IT WILL BE MY AIM to compare the doctrine of unconditional eternal security with the teaching of the Bible and see whether the Word will substantiate that of unconditional or conditional security. Let me add to this statement that I believe in conditional eternal security. If I am willing to walk in the light that God shines upon my pathway and do what He tells me to do, I am and will continue to enjoy eternal life.

Those who believe in what they term "eternal security" use the expressions "once in grace always in grace" and "once a son of God always a son of God." Quoting these same people, they say, "No matter how sinful and wicked one may become, if he is at one time saved he will be saved in the end."

One of the favorite scripture quotations used to promote this doctrine is taken from St. John 10:27, 28, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." It is very true that no man can pluck us out of the hand of God. If man were able to do so, we would have been plucked hence long ago. Man had little to do with our being placed into the hand of God, and he has nothing to do with our being plucked out. We became a part of the family of God when we agreed to confess our sins and follow Him. Remember, John 10:27 says, "My sheep know my voice and *follow me.*" But what about those who refuse, of their own volition, to follow Him, and who say by their actions that they would rather follow their own ways, or those of the devil. To enjoy eternal life one must follow the Lord; to refuse to do so will automatically disqualify one. Note what the Word says in Jeremiah 22:24, "As I live, saith the Lord, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence." Again, in Jeremiah 12:17, "If they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the Lord." We hear some saying that these scriptures are taken from the Old Testament and are not for us today.

LET ME QUOTE to you 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Paul is here speaking to holy people who had the Spirit dwelling in them. Notice in verse nine of this same chapter to whom he addresses these remarks, "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." So you see that God can destroy and move one out of his place, even if man isn't able to do this. Therefore, we see that St. John 10:28 is conditional, as is all other scriptures that are used to defend this damnable doctrine. Let me say here that when you twist or take a scripture out of its place, you not only hurt others, but it will eventually wreck your own life and cause you to be removed.

Another scripture that is so often quoted by those who are misleading millions is taken from Romans 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" and Romans 8:38, 39, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other *creature,* shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." I want my reader to note that it said "nor any other *creature.*" Again we say that man cannot do this, but God can and does do it because of sin. Let me cite you to Isaiah 59:2, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Also, in Deuteronomy 30:15-19, "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." Again we see that eternal life is conditional. If we do certain things, we shall live, is what the good Words say.

ALLOW ME to quote another favorite scripture of those who wish to establish the doctrine of unconditional eternal security. Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Here again the conditional language is used, "There is no condemnation (or judgment) to those who *walk not after the flesh* but after the Spirit." Tell me, if you can, what is the result if a man refuses to follow on to know the Lord and refuses day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, to walk in the light. You don't need a preacher to tell you what the tragic results

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The Power of His Resurrection

Philippians 3:10, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."

By Evangelist

J. D. Richardson

Jackson, Missouri

THIS SCRIPTURE divides itself into two parts: First, the cross; second, the resurrection. I wish to deal with it in this order.

While we stand, as though at a distance, and view the scenes of Calvary, the tomb, and all their happenings, different emotions overwhelm us. We see our Lord going through the terrible sufferings in Pilate's and Herod's halls, and it brings burning tears to our eyes. We see Him fall beneath the cross, unable to carry it farther, and a deep sense of pity takes hold of us; we wish we could have the privilege of carrying it for Him. Looking on as He is nailed to the cross, every blow of the hammer causes us to scringe. Finally, the cross is upraised, and we behold Him as He hangs between two worlds. Something wells up within us that makes us want to cry out, "Lord, why all this suffering?" From time to time His voice rings out from the cross, and finally we hear Him say, "It is finished." Then, we find ourselves confused and wondering about it all. As they lay His body in the tomb and seal it, a feeling of dismay and utter despair grips our hearts. There is no consolation in our friends, because the same feeling is in their hearts. We return to the old way of living and unto the things that used to delight us, but that doesn't restore the joy either.

Now, my friends, what if this were the end of the story? You can certainly see in what a helpless condition we would be. Yet, today, if a man does not know Jesus, he is helpless and just as miserable as I have portrayed. There is only one thing that can ever bring the real vibrant joy into our hearts, and that is "to know him, and the power of his resurrection."

WE HAVE TO OBSERVE the things concerning the tomb before true joy can be restored. We must watch as the glory of heaven enshrouds the tomb and the angel of the Lord rolls away the stone. We must see Jesus rise, cast aside the graveclothes, and adorn Himself with the "glory which he had with the Father before the world was" (John 17:5). Behold him as he stands outside the tomb, saying, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (1 Corinthians 15:55). (I believe that this is how the prophet Isaiah saw Him in the 63d chapter. Read it.) We must think of the blessed assurance. Romans 8:11, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that DWELLETH IN YOU." To know Him and the power of His resurrection will give to any man the real true joy and happiness he craves.

There are people in the world today who deny anything that is linked with the miraculous. You tell them that blind eyes and various other afflictions can be healed in the name of Christ, and they will not accept it and believe. The reason for this unbelief is that they do not know Him and the power of His resurrection. Their saying, "It was just for those who lived during the time of Christ," implies that Christ was more powerful in the flesh than He was in His glorious resurrection. It also means that when Christ was buried, His works was buried, also, that even though He arose, His works remained dead. I do not believe that anyone who has received a real glimpse of the resurrection can say, truthfully, that Christ was less powerful after the resurrection than He was in the flesh.

My friend, as long as Christ was in the flesh, it was a handicap to Him. He was tempted and suffered weakness as you and I do today. In His resurrection He put off this handicap, and now His glorious power has no bounds. It can even be embodied in the flesh that you and I still possess. (Romans 8:11.) John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. John 15:5, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth MUCH FRUIT." Praise be to His name! No wonder the apostle Paul could say, Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." He knew Him and the power of His resurrection. It is because of all these things that we hear of the wonderful works of God being accomplished. It is no wonder that the blind receive sight, the deaf are made to hear and the lame to walk, goiters disappear, etc. "He is risen; he is not here (in the tomb); why seek ye the living among the dead?"

Listen, people of God, the time is upon us when we are going to have to prove to the world that He lives. Did He die to live in you? No! He arose to live in you. If you really know Him and the power of His resurrection, Mark 16:17, 18, ". . . these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Is this power manifested in your life? If not, then why? You are living beneath the power of His resurrection. What do you say? Let us lift ourselves up, by His grace, into

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HAVING ZEAL WITHOUT THE Knowledge of God

Rev. C. G. Butts

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"For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge," Romans 10:2.

The greatest need in the life of man today is not so much zeal, but more knowledge concerning His purpose. Many persons have failed because of having too much zeal, but none has ever failed because of having too much knowledge.

BEING AWARE of the fact that we are living in a so-called "jet propelled" age, I am reminded of the real need of more of the knowledge of God's program for man. Truly, we are being educated concerning the modernistic method of life, and the world sees to the fact that each child has so much knowledge and faith toward the power of this land. Many say that we need the zeal or "go ye" that our parents had several years ago, in order to carry out the program of God to its fullness. I say that we have just as much zeal today as they had then. The thing that our parents had which we have so little of is knowledge of God.

The children of Israel were a striking example of the average person in many cases today. They wanted to serve God, and, indeed, they did all that was within their power to follow Him. Sometimes they became overzealous, which caused hardship to bring them back into place. God led them by a cloud at day and fire at night. They had zeal to go, but lacked knowledge of the journey. No doubt, if they had been left alone for a few days, they would have turned back to Egypt as they desired to do.

As long as the bread was furnished from heaven, they were all contented on their journey; but when it failed to appear, they turned their minds back to the flesh pots and loaves of bread in Egypt. If they had had knowledge of the reason they were being brought out of Egypt, certainly they would have struggled along more pleasingly. Many, no doubt, were along for what they got out of the trip. Their zeal to do something, and the lack of knowledge of what they were doing, caused each to complain with the other, and to find fault with God for bringing them to their so-called loneliness.

Joshua was another example of a person having zeal for God and at times not having knowledge concerning the program he was supposed to follow. These remarks in no wise take from the fact that Joshua was a great follower of God and served Him in spirit and in truth, but he is an example to prove the following points.

The first thing Joshua allowed the Israelites to do was to become conceited in themselves. They won a battle at very little loss, because God was with them, and they all feared him greatly. As the time went on, they, like most of us, began to rest upon their own strength, thus losing knowledge of the fact that if it had not been the Lord's protecting hand which guided them through battle, they would have failed. The people thought that one battle won by them meant eternal victory for Israel.

Later, we read where they went out to battle with the same zeal, or, in fact, they had more zeal than before, because they left part of their men back to wait and rejoice with them over another victory. Yet, there was one thing overlooked in this attempt, and that was the knowledge that sin had entered their staff. In the beginning Achan "had fought a good fight" and had won a great battle for God and His people, but now we see him going down in defeat because he had sinned and lost. Truly sin has nothing to offer anyone except defeat and shame.

WHEN NEWS reached the camp that the Israelites had turned at the face of the enemy, Joshua tore his clothes and cast himself upon the ground. Instead of seeking the face of God and gaining knowledge pertaining to the situation, he had rather worked it out in his own way. After he had been on the ground for several hours, God asked what he was doing. Many times we are found doing things our way and thinking that God is pleased with it, when he hardly knows what it is all about. God spoke as if to say, "Now seeing that you have made a show of outward defeat of zeal, why not make an inward confession of defeat of knowledge? When Joshua lost part of his outward zeal, and gained more inward knowledge of the mistake, he uncovered the sin and became a greater leader of God's people.

In the New Testament we read of a man by the name of Peter, who was a great leader and minister of the gospel. Like all of us, Peter made his own mistakes, and only Peter could get himself straight again.

His first mistake was when he underestimated the power of the world by telling Christ he would never leave or forsake Him. Truly, Peter was planning to stick to his promise as long as he was with Jesus or felt the same as he did at present. Sometimes, in a good revival meeting, we get so much zeal that we can hardly wait until the next day to tell others about it. When the morning breaks with all its trials, we start to find excuses, and even put it off until later. When we return to the church that evening we fail to enjoy the service for thinking of the defeat we suffered at the hand of Satan.

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ARE YOU GIVING YOUR BEST?

By JACK C. PAGE

Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

THIS QUESTION, simple though it may seem, covers quite a bit of territory. The expression "your best" is frequently used through speech, but seldom registered, to the highest degree in the heart. We often think we have given our all, but a closer examination will reveal a different answer.

It is very good to attend church regularly and pay tithes, but it doesn't stop there. If we are to gain new souls for Jesus, we must go beyond routine work. Some people are pleased if they just meet the requirements of the Church rules. But, if there is to be a good harvest, there must be seed sown. A precious evangelist or pastor cannot do all the soul-winning and visiting. A load is much lighter if all take part in sharing it. It is easy to get in a big church and sit down on the stool of "do-nothing." Some people like to ride on a flowery bed of ease and let the others do all of the work and worrying, but even in a large church there is something for each one to do.

Perhaps you are in a small church, and discouraged about it. There are moments when you want to give up and go to a large church where there is already a goodly congregation. If that is your case, let us think back to the early days of the Church. There was persecution such as we have never seen today. The people were few, but they held on. If they had not held on, where would we be today? The pioneers of the Church of God had battles. They started out with a small number, and with very little encouragement, but because they gave their all to Jesus, the Church of God is the strong and flourishing church it is today. It would be so easy to close the door of the little church and join the big one, but God doesn't want it that way. New works must go on; new souls must be won to Christ. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He didn't say huddle up in one corner.

IF NEW WORK and new souls were given up today, I believe you will agree, the doors of our churches would soon close. Christ said, "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." We must not run out on God when the going is tough. Jesus didn't run out on us, but went to the cross for us. We have never suffered as much as He, so the least we can do is bear our cross and help others to bear their cross. Christ said in Matthew 5:14-16, "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

We may let our light shine for others that they may see the way to go. A dim light can't very well be seen, but a bright light can be seen for a long distance. The closer we get to God, the more of our time we give Him in working for the cause of the gospel, the brighter our light will shine. Until we give our best, our light will be dim.

You may be discouraged with a small church and wonder why it doesn't grow faster than it does. Just remember that a horn won't blow without someone to blow it; neither will a church grow with unconcerned members.

Some people say, "I just can't get my heart into the church." Until you do, God can't use you for the best service. We see people leaving the church, some dropping out of services, but must we close the doors because some are not loyal? It is then that we need to take a definite stand for the truth and do double work. We must give our best if we are to win.

Friend, if you are thinking of giving up the fight, and have no concern for yourself, think of those you may influence by your action, and ask yourself, "Am I giving my best? Am I shedding light for others to see the way?" Paul said, "We are written epistles, read of all men." They see our lives, and, though we may not realize it, someone may pattern after us.

Remember, there is still a closer walk, more work to be done, and more souls to win. Give your best now.

ARE YOU GIVING YOUR ALL?

Are you giving your all to Jesus
As you journey down life's rugged road?
Are you helping the lost dying sinner,
Who bends 'neath the weight of his load?

Is your light shining bright in the darkness,
Giving strength to the weary and lone,
Brightening their pathway to heaven,
Where Jesus has prepared them a home?

Let your light so shine before sinners
That they may come into the fold.
Each day you can be a soul winner
And lead them to heaven, their goal.

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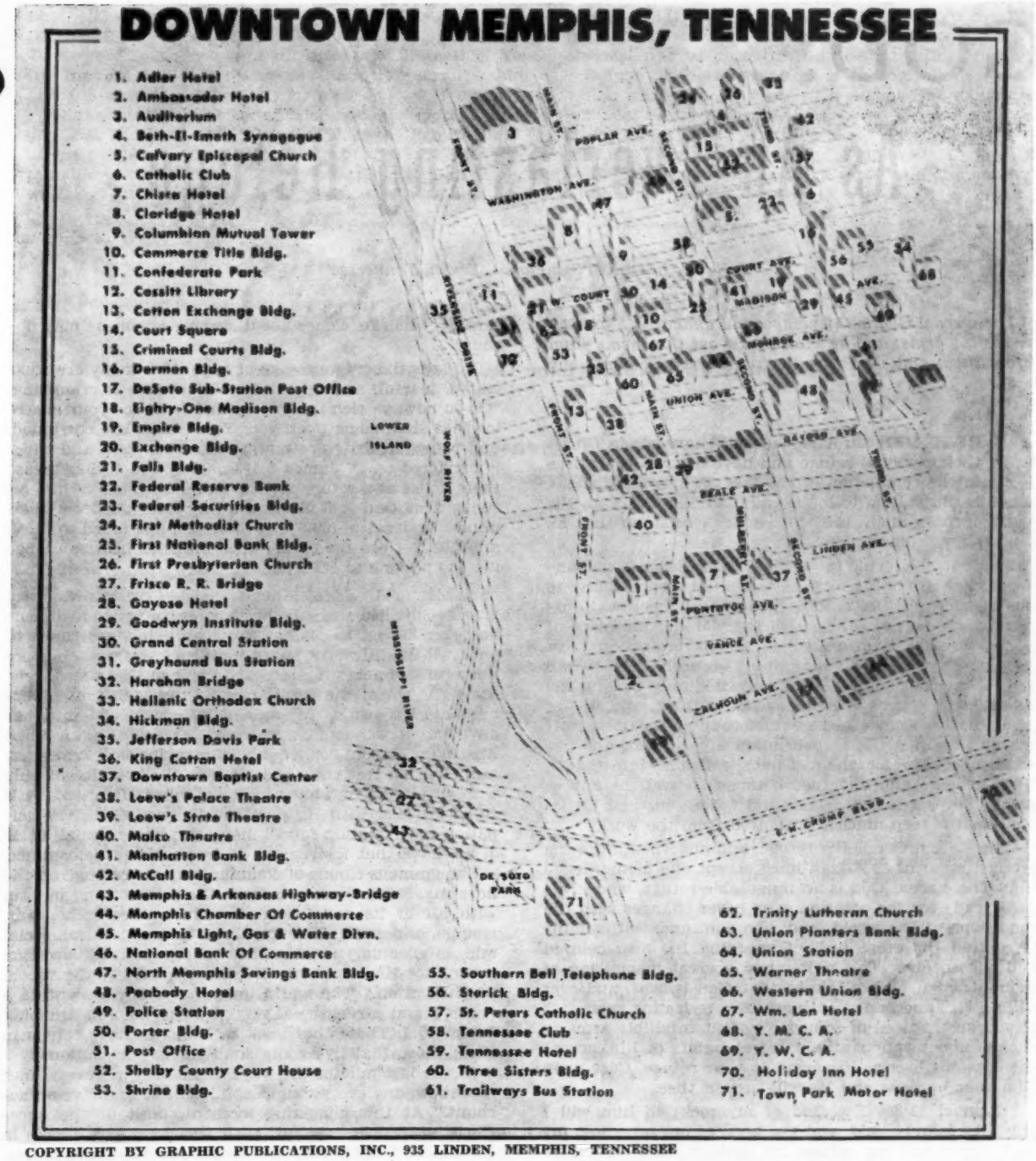

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As An Everlasting Refuge

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"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them," Deuteronomy 33:27.

GREAT MEN through the ages have made Christ their personal refuge and have devoted their lives to the completion of the task. Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," Philippians 1:21. His whole purpose in life was to live for Christ, so that he might have refuge in Him.

Refuge is shelter or protection that shields from danger or distress one who has the essential responsibility to guard you from persecution, invasion, and political outburst. A number of refugees in the war had no place of safety, no defensive means of care or protection from their poverty-stricken conditions. The orphans that had been vacated in our different countries were lacking the requisite substances of living—food, clothing, and shelter—but the servicemen of our great country became a refuge by assuming the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for them. That's religion. James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms . . ." Man must accept and acknowledge Him. The eternal God is an immutable refuge, who is always ready for the occasion, who never changes with the conditions of the world, and who continues without interruption His great task of guarding His own beloved and chosen ones. This writer had a great inspiration of thought when he proclaimed that God is, was, and ever will be. ". . . and underneath are the everlasting arms . . ." If you are in need of someone's great infallible arms to enclose about your sinful, carefree habits of life, accept the Master's everlasting arms as your refuge. Cast upon Him your burdens and He will sustain thee.

2 Samuel 22:3, "The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence." Medical science with all of its ingenuity and capacity to prolong life eternal can never give the peaceful satisfaction that the soul of man will never die. Calvary reveals the value of the soul. Jesus, according to a foreordained plan, emptied Himself of heaven's glory, suffered, and gave His life to redeem souls that they might have a hiding place from the temptations of this world. Do you have refuge in your soul against the adversary, when he comes about seeking whom he may devour?

Christ is the only message of hope. Men today are frustrated, fearful, and uncertain. Materialism is crumbling. "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered . . .," James 5:1-3a. They are trying to use their riches as a refuge for the material things of life. All thought of God and His cause has vanished from their minds. Modernism has failed; atheism has failed to sooth and put to sleep the crying ache in men's hearts, a longing for peace and safety.

ALTHOUGH our so-called Christian America may be supplied with the best defensive instruments she has ever known to combat the enemy, it is worthless to enthrust our life and hopes in them. A safer and more protecting power is found in the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, who bestows faith and courage unto His own as the conflicting powers of Satan, our adversary, try to embalm the helpless soul of man. When Abraham Lincoln signed his "Emancipation Proclamation" and set free thousands of captive slaves, it was only a small picture of what Christ did when He cried, "It is finished," and with His own blood signed God's emancipation proclamation for all men everywhere. Isaiah 61:1-3. We have that instrument of freedom and deliverance.

The omnious clouds of communism are "rolling" on the horizons. Everywhere one looks there is nothing but sin with all of its evils: sorrow, sadness, heartache, war, trouble, and strife. The emptiness in the political, social and intellectual world seems to cry out. All creation groans for His appearing. Everyone speaks of the "doom of civilization." The world longs for a Savior, who is a "refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," Psalm 46:1. Those that trust in Him can have refuge in Him; those that live godly shall suffer persecutions.

At the last mile of the way, we know that "every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess and give an account." At this climaxing moment, most of the once-Christian people have lost their enriching experiences in the great "I AM." They are neglecting salvation, sanctification, and the joy of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. As we lay down our cross and flee from conquering our foe, we discover ourselves embraced in the sinful pleasures of Satan and our refuge vanished from us. We must let our steps be ordered by our loving Maker.

When the rolling waters of the Red Sea came before the Israelites and the Egyptians were following them, God spoke and said, "Stand still and see the salvation of the

Lord." The great hand of our unfailing Master always provides a way of escape for His children. He is our trust. To neglect Him, we are of all men most miserable. To live for Him and have refuge in Him is "joy unspeakable and full of glory." What is your meager way of escape?

Hebrews 6:17-19, "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew into the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil."

Refuge in the eternal God is the only hope for us in which we may anchor our soul. Accept Him as your own personal Savior and refuge, and keep the assurance with the psalmist David when he said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Chuicaca Moonbeams

By O'NEIL McCULLOUGH, Principal, Central American Bible Institute, El Salvador

The Guatemala Caravan Going to Chuicaca

O'Neil McCullough on the white charger, with Mrs. Flora Pullin and Luther Carroll just behind.

The vanguard of faithful workers who carry "Las Buenas Nuevas" (the good news) throughout Guatemala.

The brethren follow to the edge of town to bid the beloved missionaries "Adios" with a beautiful hymn.

"Ah!" exclaimed Reverend Thomas Pullin, veteran missionary of Guatemala, "Look at that Chuicaca moon!"

And a "Chuicaca moon" it really was. For each year during the brightest moon in March is celebrated in the mountaintop of Chuicaca, the largest Protestant or Pentecostal gathering of Christians in Central America. As a visitor for the second time at this holy convocation, my heart thrills even now, a few days later, as I recall the blessed visitations of the Holy Spirit moving in and among the 1,500 or 2,000 persons present.

In times past, I have read in the pages of the **Evangel** or **Lighted Pathway** something of the greatness of this spiritual feast, but reading alone cannot describe Chuicaca. One must see, hear, and feel this conference of believers in order to more fully understand and appreciate it.

Almost from the ending day of the conference, one year to the opening day of the next, the brethren labored in the preparations. For these dear ones there is hardly a moment of rest during the four days of fiesta. There are many barrels of water to be brought, from far below, in metal or clay jars. The boys, as well as men, form great teams and are busy almost day and night in their arduous and sacrificial task. The women, many with babes upon their backs, are upon their knees from early till late rolling out and preparing the corn on the stones. Many more are fighting the smoke of fires under huge clay pots of black beans and black coffee. Still others are occupied in preparing the good meals of soup, beans, meat, eggs, and tea for the missionaries.

All in all, the dear friends who make this fiesta possible hardly know what goes on. There are many whose concern is the care of the hundreds of delegates who have come from practically every part of the republic. As the accompanying pictures show, there are those who serve as carriers, transporting the light plant, gasoline, food, and, among many other things, the missionaries' and their visitors' bedding, suitcases, gas camp stove, lantern, etc. Oh! for the love of these brethren! Surely God has

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MINISTERS SAID TO HELP DELINQUENTS MORE THAN COURTS

ELIZABETH, New Jersey (EP) Ministers often can be more effective than courts in dealing with juvenile delinquents, according to Judge Libby E. Sachar of the Union County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. She said youngsters can talk about their problems to pastors with less guilt complex than they display in discussing them with court officials.

Judge Sachar also said she believes the description of God as a heavenly Father may be a handicap in bringing religion to delinquent children. Juvenile delinquents often dislike their fathers and carry over this antagonism to their thinking about God, she said.

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RUSSIAN BOMBS MAY EQUAL OURS

NEW YORK (EP) Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R) N.Y., chairman of the Senate-House Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, says the United States has a quantitative but not necessarily a qualitative lead over the Russians in the atomic energy race.

In a talk recorded for broadcast, Cole said, "We have a substantial lead over the Russians from the standpoint of quantity in the field of atomic energy, but I am not sure we have the lead from the standpoint of quality. We should not underestimate the Russian scientist."

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CRIME RISE TOPS POPULATION

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (EP) The crime rate in California is increasing at twice the rate that the population is growing, a Senate Finance subcommittee was told recently. Asst. Atty. Gen. Wallace Howland said the State is gaining population at 5 per cent a year, but crime is growing at about 10 per cent. He asked his department be allowed additional attorneys.

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HEALING CAMPAIGN FINDS GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

SANTIAGO, Chile (EP) Evangelist and Mrs. T. L. Osborne conducted one of South America's most unusual revivals in Santiago, Chile, and were invited by the Government itself to return each summer. The month-long evangelistic and healing campaign was held in the military stadium, with crowds of 15,000 a frequent occurrence. On the closing day, 75,000 evangelicals paraded through Santiago streets. According to observers, all Protestant churches in Santiago received new members as a result of the campaign. Just before coming to Chile, the Osbornes, who come from Tulsa, Oklahoma, were compelled to cancel a three-month campaign in Asuncion, Paraguay, on direct orders from the President of that country.

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"CIVIL WAR" IN AMERICA CONTINUES

(EP) Some years ago, J. Edgar Hoover declared that crime had so increased in America that our nation was then virtually in a state of civil war with a criminal army of 4,300,000 active enemies engaged in "a predacious warfare against society." Near the close of 1947 he reported this army at 7,500,000. After six more years of recruiting, its present strength may well be near 10,000,000. In 1952 more than two million major crimes were committed—an average of a crime approximately every fifteen seconds. This record surpasses all previous years, and is an increase of 8.2 per cent over 1951. But crime statistics of the first six months of 1953 predicted another record-breaking year. Well has someone said that America has "a perennial carnival of crime." And our annual bill for this perennial carnival is estimated at fifteen billion dollars!

The number of juveniles among the two million arrests of 1952 is staggering. In 232 cities of 25,000 or larger population reported in the 1952 Bulletin of the F.B.I., arrests of minors were: 13 per cent of arrests for all causes; 11 per cent of all arrests for murder; 35 per cent of all arrests for rape; 37 per cent of all arrests for robbery; 47 per cent of all arrests for larceny; 62 per cent of all arrests for burglary; 69 per cent of all arrests for car theft.

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HIGH-SCHOOL DRINKING PERCENTAGES LARGE

NEW YORK (EP) Approximately 90 per cent of high-school students in Nassau County, New York, drink alcoholic beverages. And 79 per cent were drinking "on occasion" by the time they were 14 years of age. These figures are part of what is probably the first extensive and scientific report on high-school drinking. The report was developed by Dr. Matthew N. Chappell, psychology head at Nassau County's Hofstra College in response to a request and grant of $10,000 for the study from a private foundation. Most telling point of the survey lays the major responsibility for teen-age drinking directly on the parents. The survey definitely indicates that the child of abstaining parents tends to abstain and the child of drinking parents tends to drink. The conclusion is supported by Dr. Chappell who says, "Nothing is clearer in modern society than the fact that children will resemble parents in attitudes, values, and behavior."

Interviewers questioned 1,000 students between the ages of 14 and 18. Group interviews were held at 29 of Nassau County's 31 public and private high schools. Groups were divided about equally as to sexes and background, and each student answered 47 detailed questions.

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Five times a day, Washington, D. C., will soon echo the traditional Moslem call to prayer, "There is no god but Allah! Mohammed is his prophet!" It will come from the nearly completed mosque and educational center being built to accommodate the more than 1,000 persons of Moslem faith who reside in Washington.

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The average American family spends $236 each year for alcoholic beverages, Mrs. Glenn G. Hayes, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, says. This is 4 times its contributions to religious and welfare causes.

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Cigaret users sent up record clouds of smoke in the 12 months ending June 30, 1953, according to a report recently released by the Agriculture Department. Nearly 397 billion cigarets were consumed, which was a 3.5 per cent increase over the previous year. According to the report, "Cigar smokers had a busy year too." They consumed about 6 million stogies, also a gain of 3.5 per cent from the previous year.

Don't Forget the Annual 4th of July Home-Coming at the Church of God Orphanage.

REVIVALS

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—We praise the Lord for a 2 weeks' youth revival at the Church of God in Fayetteville.

The Lord wonderfully blessed. We had Sister Mary Caryle, formerly of South Carolina, who is with us at the present time, and Bro. Edwin Brooks, of Tennessee, doing the preaching. They brought some wonderful messages to the young people. We are blessed to have them with us to help work with the young people.

Thirty-five were saved, 18 sanctified, 19 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 11 added to the church, for which we are praising the Lord. The altar was filled each night. It was a thrill to see the young people shouting and praising God. If we expect a good church tomorrow, we shall have to train our youth and teach them today. If you want your church blessed, begin with the young people.

Some of the parents brought their children and got saved themselves. The power of God was as real as I have ever felt, and those who were working in the revival were greatly blessed, too. The revival was sponsored by the Junior Willing Workers. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless us here and that the revival spirit will go on until Jesus comes.—Mrs. E. M. Marks.

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PINNACLE, N. C.—In our wonderful revival here in Pinnacle, 12 were saved, 5 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, 4 added to the church, and several healed. Brother Charles Robbins, of Asheboro, N. C., was our evangelist. We broke our old Sunday School record during the general Sunday School contest, with 178 in attendance.—Wayne DeHart, Pastor.

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DANDRIDGE, Tenn.—We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival at the Mount Vale Church of God, where Rev. Noah Allen is the pastor and is doing a wonderful work. Brother B. O. Cantrell was the evangelist. Seven were saved, 2 sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 baptized in water. The Holy Ghost power fell several nights, and the church was greatly blessed.—Maggie Gilliam, Clerk.

DANVILLE, Va.—We have had a wonderful revival at the Edgewood Church of God. The Lord met with us each evening in a wonderful way. There were 14 saved, 12 sanctified, 22 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 12 baptized in water, and 10 added to the church. Our evangelist was Mrs. Carl Sande, of Sheboygan, Wisc. She is a wonderful saint of God, filled with the Holy Ghost, one who believes in the mighty workings of the Spirit in the services. God is surely honoring her work.

We also praise the Lord for the wonderful deliverance of a woman who was devil-possessed for about three years. Sister Sande prayed for her all night, and through the prayer of faith, the mighty power of the Holy Ghost began to fall, and this precious woman was completely delivered. For this we praise the wonderful name of Jesus.—Herbert A. Stone, Pastor.

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HIXSON, Tenn.—We have just closed a great revival in which there were about 15 saved, 6 sanctified, 9 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church, with more to come in later. This church is only about 2 or 3 years old, but the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. Rev. J. A. Palmer is the pastor. He is a wonderful man with whom to work, and he has some fine people. The power of God was manifested in a great way.—James Poe Jackson, Evangelist.

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WEHADKEE, Fla.—The Potash Church of God has just witnessed one of the greatest revivals it has had in some time. Our evangelist was Rev. L. S. Bell, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and we consider him to be a great man of God. There were 17 saved, 5 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. Our gratitude to God for this great revival and spiritual awakening of the church is far beyond words of the human tongue. May God send more of such revivals to our country in this day.—Lewis I. Minor, Pastor.

Court of Praise

WARWICK, Va.—I thank God for healing me. I had suffered for a long time with my hip. At times I could not walk, sit, or stand, and I was in great pain. It began in the winter of 1952. I became alarmed when I had to walk as if one leg were shorter than the other. I had my leg X-rayed. The doctor said he could not find anything wrong with the bone. Another doctor wanted to treat it, but I didn't go back. I would go to church and get our dear pastor, Rev. C. J. Hester, to pray for me, and I would get easy. Then it just didn't seem to bother me, only at times. About a week ago it started again. On Monday, May 17, 1954, I fasted and asked God to completely deliver me that night in our revival in which Rev. G. L. Waters, of South Carolina, is evangelist. Brother Waters prayed, and the power of God came down on us. Later as I left the church, my leg and hip were hurting more than in a long time. My husband said, "Where's your faith?" I said, "The pain may not completely leave for a week, but I know God healed me." Now today is Wednesday. I feel real good. I slept good last night and can walk normally today. When I feel a pain, I simply say, "Thank you, Lord, for healing me."—Mrs. Leroy Watts, 924 Arnold Street, Warwick, Virginia.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful touch from heaven I received on Sunday night, April 18. I have suffered from grycmonus and kidney and bladder infection for 8 years, but God touched my body in a miraculous way.—Mrs. Dorothy Ellis.

in memoriam

THOMAS

Mrs. Genia Thomas, aged 68, departed this life April 20, 1954. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ellie Webb and 3 sons, T. J., Joe Henery, and Quincy Thomas, all of Madison County, Florida. She was a faithful member of the Midway Church of God, Lee, Fla., for many years. She was a Sunday School teacher most of the time and faithful at her post of duty. Funeral services were conducted by her district pastor, Rev. Corley of Live Oak, Fla., and Rev. W. L. Price, of Lake-

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Sevierville, Tennessee. We are Looking for You.—R. R. Walker, Superintendent

CONDITIONAL ETERNAL SECURITY VERSUS UNCONDITIONAL SECURITY

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will be if you refuse; you will be removed, cut off, destroyed, in spite of all the nice flowery words that have been spoken in support of the unconditional theory so many are advocating today. The reason it is so popular is that it seemingly is the easy way, the road of least resistance; but look ahead and ask yourself this question, "What will the end be?"

Then, let me call your attention to 1 Corinthians 5:5, "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." This verse simply means this: deliver such an one over to Satan and let Satan attack him again and again and, perhaps, he will realize the condition he is in and will repent and come back to God; so in the end he will be saved. This would be much better than to pat him on the back, console him in his wickedness, have him deceived about his soul's salvation, and let him be lost in the end, then point a finger of accusation at you and curse you through eternity because you taught them a lie. Another reason this doctrine is so very popular is because it does away with the doctrine of holiness, and we all know that the devil hates holiness.

TO SHINE some more light on the truth of conditional eternal security, let us notice 1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Here is a condition to be met—*"if we walk."* Tell me, dear pilgrim, what will be the result if we refuse to walk? Here is the answer: the blood ceases to cleanse, and you are lost. Colossians 1:23, "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel." Then verse 28 says, "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Why warn? Why continue? Why be grounded? Why be settled? There is no need for these, if there is not a chance to go astray or perish. Paul here warns us again and again, for he knew that we must realize the danger of becoming a castaway.

St. John 15:2, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he *taketh away."* Note that this branch was in Him according to the Word, and He took it away because it refused to continue in the vine. Remember, you who are in this same group, God will take you away just as sure as He is God. Verse 4 of this chapter goes on to say, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." Then verse 6 says, "If any man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." This shows us that we are free moral agents and can choose for ourselves to serve or reject God. If you fail to cooperate with God, you will be eternally lost; while on the other hand, if you walk in the light and abide in Him, you will be eternally saved.

FOR THE SAKE of an argument, let us suppose that we who teach that one must strive to overcome, fight the good fight of faith, and walk in the light, after we get to heaven find that so much wasn't required, we can't lose anything. But on the other hand, suppose those who teach that it is all God's responsibility and, as a result, live sinful, loose lives, find that they have lost everything.

Another scripture which proves that God requires an all-out effort is found in Luke 9:62, "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." If a man cannot look back, why did Jesus warn this man of the dangers. Jesus believed in the overcoming life and repeatedly warned us against the dangers of falling by the wayside. In Luke 8:13 we read, "They on the rock are they which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, *which for a while believe,* and in time of temptation *fall away."* Here we have some who were believers for a while but fell away, and this will be your lot if you fail to abide in the vine.

Hebrews 3:14, "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end." Here again is a condition that must be met (if we are to hold fast the beginning of our confidence). What if we don't? The Word is very plain as to what will happen; we are not partakers of Christ.

Revelation 2:10, "Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Matthew 5:13, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

In Matthew 3:10 we read these words, "And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." This is the fate of those whose lives are not bearing good fruit. What kind of fruit are you bearing? What saith the Word? "By their fruits ye shall know them." God knows you by the fruit you are bearing; He knows you not by what you are claiming but by what you are. The apostle Paul said, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus came to save us from the old life, not in sin but from sin. We are workers together with Him. Let us strive to enter into His rest.

THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

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that power. "How can you do it," some may ask? By prayer and fasting, entering into those private closets of prayer more often. If we learn to know Him and the power of His resurrection, we shall not have to take a back seat for anybody. Just because Satan has made an imitation of the power of God doesn't mean that you and I should sit back empty of the real thing. The genuine power of God will always outshine Satan's flimsy work of imitation. There are souls perishing and bodies suffering, waiting to come into contact with the power of His resurrection. I believe that God can reach multitudes through the medium of His miraculous power upon sick and afflicted bodies. "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." This can be applied to either soul or body.

My prayer is that God will help us to rise and meet the needs of the people in a greater way than we have ever done. Let us obey the great commission and take this gospel to those who need it.

HAVING ZEAL WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE . . .

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As long as Jesus was present with all the needed knowledge about the great work He was doing, Peter needed only the zeal to follow and keep up with Him daily. When Christ was away, and he was lonely, the zeal was not enough to see him through. What he needed then was knowledge of the entire program of God through Jesus Christ.

The second time Peter showed forth zeal without knowledge was when he attempted to walk on the water. I am not discrediting Peter for his faith in the power of Jesus Christ, but I do think that he didn't use knowledge in all his ways. Physically, Peter was able to even swim to the spot where Jesus stood beckoning him, but, spiritually, he had not obtained complete and positive power over the fears of the world. I believe that three forms of personalities were portrayed in this event.

Confidence . . . when he made his first step without considering the awful danger of being drowned. *Pride* . . . when he might have thought how the other disciples looked on in amazement. *Humiliation* . . . when he became aware of his failure and called on Christ for help.

The third time Peter might have moved when he should have stood still was at the arrest of Jesus, when he cut off the man's ear in anger. He wanted to show Jesus that he was willing to put forth an effort to save his life, but he had forgotten the true knowledge that Jesus had taught him in time past. Peter's zeal to manifest an honest desire of protection for his Lord only brought a rebuke upon himself by Christ when he was asked to put away his sword. The old Adam nature took control, and Peter was relying on "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" system.

After all these months with Jesus, Peter thought that by zeal was the one and only way of doing a thing. But, the saying is true, "A train is never determined by how loud the whistle will sound."

The zeal to follow the mob and to see what was to happen to Jesus, only brought him into a place where he either had to suffer for being a follower or lie and lose out with God. By not having the proper knowledge, Peter took the easier way out, and yet it was the fartherer way around. This reminds me of a man whom I know who had a bet placed that he could change a certain number of tires in such a length of time. The bet, of course, was only a few cents. After he had accomplished his task in the proper time, he was given the few cents as reward. This wasn't too bad, but he hardly had any clothes left. Buying something that you don't need is never a bargain.

The vagabond Jews were punished for their zeal without knowledge, as recorded in the nineteenth chapter of Acts. Their mistake was using the name of Jesus in whom someone else trusted. They wanted to cast out the evil spirit, not because they believed in Jesus, but because someone else had done it. As is recorded, the man having this evil spirit ran upon them, and they all fled naked and wounded. They had zeal to attempt the task, but had no knowledge as to the proper procedure required for accomplishment.

A locomotive is a locomotive, whether it has steam or not, but is only useful when steamed up. Also, it is true of a steam engine and one that is powered by diesel that steam will start what it is able to pull, and diesel cannot start what it will pull. At a fast rate of speed, the diesel is a powerful engine. Some people must be primed by the work of others.

Paul warned the Galatians about being zealous and failing to stand. "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" People ask too often for zeal to do the work of God, without having any knowledge of what the Lord would have them do. Never be too zealous to get to the job until you forget the tools required to complete the work. "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitatnts of the land, because there is no *truth,* nor *mercy,* nor *knowledge of God* in the land." Hosea 4:1.

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placed them on His divine record, and not one act of kindness will lose its reward. Blessed be God.

In the pictures can be seen the beloved overseer, Rev. Thomas Pullin, as he delivers the opening address and invites the presence of the Holy Trinity to come and abide throughout the conference.

Present, also, is Rev. Vessie D. Hargrave, superintendent of Latin America, who, after traveling thousands of miles by plane, had to walk about fifteen miles alone, carrying his own luggage, in order to reach the conference.

Luther Carroll, son-in-law of Brother Pullin, is also present with his beaming smile and words of love and encouragement for the people. Your writer went by a small bus (nine hours' ride) from El Salvador, but admits readily that he is ready to do the same thing again next year, if Jesus tarries and God wills that he should.

The toils and weariness of the journey are forgotten at once when one beholds the vast throng of natives, each dressed in his own tribal costume, leaping and shouting together as they rejoice in the Christ of Calvary. One's heart is overflowing with joy to realize that perhaps only a short time past many of these same people were idol worshipers, or were pagan believers of the Catholic Church. Knowing that their old religions never gave them peace and joy; that never before could they rejoice for sins forgiven; that now they have joy in this life and hope in the life to come, truly fills the missionary's heart with gratitude for God's mercy. He is glad God has given him a share in this great world-task of evangelism. He sees the faithful believers and is sure that his crown will not be lacking for stars. Praise the Lord!

Celebrating the Lord's Supper with some 1,500 brethren at once is an unforgettable part of Chuicaca. It seemed that Christ was really present, not so much in the typical bread and wine, but in the heart and experience of almost everyone present.

My dear reader, if by now you are wearied with reading, you may desist very soon. But no! Go with me to the edge of the town. See the group of brethren as they gather to bid the friends good-bye. Hear them sing: "Our Lord Is Coming Back to Earth Again" and, just before you drop below them and round the mountain, losing the view, you will see their hats waving and the words of the song drifting down sweetly on the balmy air. Then single file on the trail, you, too, will find yourself with a throb in your throat and tears blinding your eyes. A prayer will rise in your heart, and you will thank God for the moonbeams of glory that have lighted your path, and you will say, as many others have said: "If we do not meet again here, we shall meet in the sky."

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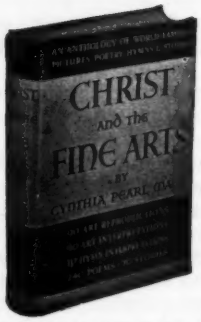

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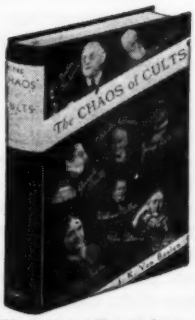

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COLORADO-UTAH	June 7-13	Grand Junction	James A. Cross
DELAWARE-D. C.-MARYLAND	July 19-25	Hurlock, Md.	Vep Ellis
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land, Fla., former pastor of Baptist Church near Midway.—Mrs. T. J. Thomas.

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CHAVIS

Sister Lonie Chavis, age 68, wife of Mr. Eli Chavis, died April 18. She was a charter member of Saddletree, Church of God, Lumberton, N. C. She is survived by 6 children.—Louneater Hammonds.

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GRACA

Sister Anna Da Graca passed away May 8, 1954. She was a member of the Church of God and a true saint of God.—Mrs. W. P. Wootin, Clerk, San Francisco, California, Church of God.

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reports

BASTROP, La.—We are happy to report the progress we have made at Bastrop Church of God in the past 8 months. The Lord has really been blessing, and we are so thankful. We appreciate and are thankful for our pastor, Brother C. W. Kendall, who has worked so hard and faithful with the church for the past 8 months. His faithful and earnest efforts have certainly been an asset and blessing to the church. Numbers have been saved, and 24 members have been added to the church. Our Sunday School attendance has more than doubled in the last 8 months. We have also added 3 nice Sunday School rooms to the church. On April 4 we had an all-day service at the church, with dinner on the ground. That day money was raised in offerings and pledges to make the down payment on our new parsonage. We certainly had a wonderful response. We have bought a nice 5-room parsonage, valued at $7,350, costing the church $6,000. The parsonage is located in one of the best residential sections of town. We also appreciate Sister Kendall, who has worked so hard with the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band. They have purchased several nice pieces of furniture for the parsonage, besides the numerous times they have helped otherwise when their finance was needed. It is wonderful the way the members and friends have worked and given of their means to see the church grow. For all this we give God the praise, honor, and glory. We earnestly desire your prayers.—Mrs. Katie Wiggins Martin, Reporter.

SOMERSET, Ky.—The Church of God in Somerset, Ky., put on an EVANGEL and LIGHTED PATHWAY drive, and in 35 days 110 subscriptions came in. There were 6 competing in the contest. Mr. Charlie Hines won first prize, with 72 subscriptions; Miss Margaret Mullenax, second prize. The others in the contest were Mrs. Gover, Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hornback. They all did a fine job. The church appreciates the good work they have done. We think every home should have a Church of God EVANGEL in it; and the LIGHTED PATHWAY is the best of literature for young people. If every local church would boost our church papers more, it would help us to preach the gospel to the people and bless our local churches.—Carl Cox, Pastor.

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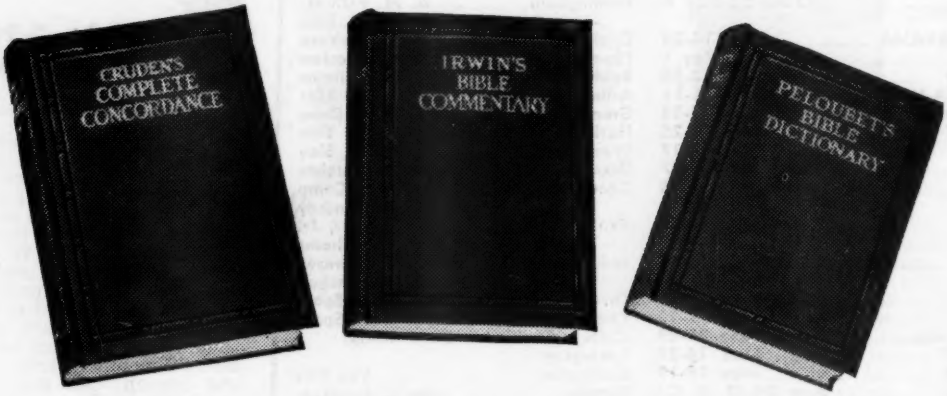

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